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## Grace Reformed Church

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### SABBATH SERVICES

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Sabbath School.....             | 9:30 A. M.                 |
| Church Services.....            | 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. |
| Y. P. S. C. E. ....             | 6:45 P. M.                 |
| Junior Y. P. S. C. E. ....      | 2:00 P. M.                 |
| Prayer Meeting, Wednesday ..... | 7:30 P. M.                 |

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Communion service, Baptism and reception of members on Easter Sunday morning and evening

Good Friday night the pastor will give a stereopticon sermon on the crucifixion. Easter Sunday evening a stereopticon sermon on the resurrection

The Sunday school and every member in the church will be furnished with envelopes for our Easter offering. We ought to have a large offering for benevolence.

Our special Easter services will begin Sabbath, March 28. Dr. Bomberger will be with us during the week preceding Palm Sunday. We expect him by Tuesday evening, March 30. We want every member of the church to hear him every evening. He will remain over Palm Sunday.

A Bible class, to be known as the Woman's International Bible class, has recently been organized in the east part

of the city. The membership numbers now about thirty and has representatives from nearly all of our churches. The class meets on alternate Friday afternoons, from 2:30 to 3:30. The class has taken up the study of the book of Genesis. Friday afternoon, March 26, the class will meet at the home of Mrs. Picket, 1305 East Wayne street and will have for their study, Gen. 1:26-28. The creation of man, we should be glad to see some of the women of Grace church enrolled in the class.

Recently the consistory sent out a circular letter with pledge cards and returnable stamped envelopes to nearly one hundred of the members of Grace church, asking them to fill out pledges for the current expenses for the present year. It is hoped that there will be an immediate and liberal response. If any one has failed to mail his card, will you not do so, at once and save the consistory the trouble of sending further appeals. You are only asked to give what the Lord enables you to give. It should be a pleasure for every member to do something for the support of his church.

Howard Weikart, who recently submitted to an operation for appendicitis at Hope hospital has entirely recovered. We were rejoiced to see him in his class in the Sunday school on a recent Sunday.

## DEATHS.

John Beighler dier at his home, 925 Home avenue, Sunday afternoon, March 7th, after an illness of almost two years. He was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, Feb. 16, 1823. He was aged 76 years and 21 days. He was married to Miss Nancy Nonamaker, Dec. 15, 1853. This union was blessed with two sons and four daughters. The sons and two daughters died in childhood. Mrs. Beighler died eleven years ago. Feb. 17, 904, he was married to Miss Frances Burrel, this wife and two daughters, Mrs. Alice Burnet and Mrs. Fred Sherer survive him. Mr. Beighler united with the Reformed church in Fairfield county Ohio at an early period of his life. He spent his early life in Ohio, coming during his young manhood to Allen county more than fifty years ago. He settled in Lafayette township, where he resided until seventeen years ago, when he retired from active work on his farm and came to the city to reside. He was widely known and much respected. He always took a lively interest in public affairs and was active and influential in politices. He united with the Grace Reformed church June 25, 1885. He was devoted to the church of his choice and though deprived of the privilege of attending the public services he did not forget his church. A short time before his death, he made provision in his will that \$200 should be paid to Grace church, by his administrator. In all his suffering he was resigned to the Lord, and waited with patience the time when the Lord should take him to his eternal home. The funeral service was held from Grace church on Tuesday morning March 9.

Mr. Kalitha, the Turkish minister who spent a Sabbath in Grace church reecently was very grateful to the people of Grace church for their gifts. He says that in Turkey the majority of the families live in one room. Sleep on the floor.

Heat their houses by putting fire in large kettles, placed in the center of the room and allowing the smoke to ascend to the top of the room. Bake their bread on the sides of this kettle and live on sheeps milk. They make beautiful oriental rugs, but keep them on shelves so they do not become soiled.

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We publish below a letter from Mr. Pearse, written at Los Angeles, Cal., in which we are sure our readers will be interested:

Los Angeles, Cal., March 8, '09.

Rev. A. K. Zartman, Fort Wayne, Ind.

My Dear Mr. and Mrs. Zartman: I have been intending to write you ever since we arrived here, but have put it off for no better excuse than my dislike for writing letters. We have thought of you very often, as well as talked of you, and your many acts of kindness to us, and the thought often comes to me, that we have really been very neglectful in not writing you long since. So I hope you will take the will for the deed, and call that part of it square. I hardly know how to commence to tell you of all we have seen here, and how much we have enjoyed this wonderful and beautiful country. The climate here is so near ideal that one must be here to fully appreciate it. It semes funny to us to read of the awful blizzards you have been having in the east while we have ben having the most beautiful sunshine here. We have passed through what they call their wet season here and said to be the most disagreeable part of the year. We have not found it so bad, as we very often have just as wet seasons at home, with cold and snow thrown in, which of course makes it very much worse than the wet season here. We have a friend here and his wife, who formerly lived in Fort Wayne, and I must say they have added much to the pleasures of our visit here. They have a four passenger auto, and they have taken us several times for long rides

through the country, and a ride here through the country means a great deal of pleasure, as everything is beautiful, just think of riding for miles and miles over the most beautiful roads, smooth as our asphalt pavements at home, and all the time passing through the more beautiful flowers everywhere, it is so beautiful and grand that I often think how God has blessed this country by giving the people here such a paradise to live in. How I do wish you and Mrs. Zartman could be here to enjoy it with us, it would add much to our pleasure, and I am sure you would both be very happy here. We are so pleased that I do not think we will ever be satisfied to live another winter in a cold climate like Indiana. Los Angeles is a very beautiful city, with a population of three hundred thousand, and a floating population of from sixty to seventy-five thousand, tourists, from all parts of the world, attracted here by the almost ideal climate. We find so many beautiful large stores here that we wonder how they all get patronage enough to pay expenses, as rents are very high here. One thing that surprised me beyond anything is how well you can live here, and at a very little expense. We are stopping in the very center of the city, have a very comfortable room with heat for \$4 a week, and we take our meals at what they call here a Cafeteria, it is a place where everything is prepared, and you take a tray and wait on yourself. The guests pass along in single file, and all the eatables are in full view, and all kept hot by steam chests, you select what you want and pass ont to any table that pleases your fancy. Everything served is of the very best, and elegantly cooked and the prices are so reasonable that your living costs you so little that we can live here for less money than we can keep house in Fort Wayne. One of the most interesting places we have visited is the Ostrich farm, where they showed us birds from six weeks of age up to

forty years, and we learned of some of their peculiarities. They mate at four years of age, the male prepares the nest by digging a hole in the ground with his foot; the female sits on the eggs during the day and the male at night, just like a man sitting up all night and taking care of the baby, while his wife sleeps. After the mate is chosen the pair is placed in a pen to themselves and in case of the death of either, the remaining one is not supposed to select a second mate, but there are some exceptions to the rule, as we were shown a pair called Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McKinley, it appears that Mrs. Bill got to flirting with the male bird in the adjoining lot, and Mr. Bill not approving of that sort of conduct, kicked her to death, and then proceeded to select another mate and set up housekeeping at the old stand, where he appeared to be living in perfect happiness with his new wife. We expect to leave here for home about the 20th or 22nd of this month, and will come direct to Fort Wayne, not stopping off at Chicago, so we should reach home about the 26th or 29th. We do not relish the idea of coming home at a time when we are most likely to strike bad weather. I feel that I must come at that time, as I have quite a number of horses there that need my attention. I am sure we will miss the comfort we have enjoyed here. As we are out every day here and always comfortable without wraps or overcoat. Mrs. Pearse is well and joins me in love to you both, and best wishes for your happiness and prosperity. Remember us kindly to all inquiring friends. Hoping to hear from you soon.

Sincerely your friend,  
J. W. PEARSE.

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Mrs. C. H. Gumpfer and little Dorothy have been confined to their home because of heavy colds, also Mrs. J. H. Bottger, who has been quite sick at her home an Jefferson street.

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Do not forget about your Easter offering.

Mrs. J. H. Wilhert is again able to attend services after a severe attack of indigestion.

Recently a little stranger made its advent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kessler on Bass street. It is a ten pound baby boy.

Mrs. L. D. Paulus has returned to her home in Akron, O., after a prolonged visit of six months in Iowa. In a letter to Mrs. Zartman she sends greetings to her many friends in Grace church.

Messrs. Rollo Barbier and J. H. Wilbert, have been assisting in the music of the Sunday school and church with violin and cornet. It is very helpful inasmuch as it adds to the volume of instrumental music and this helps the singing. We would be glad for a few more musicians.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Peanse arrived in Fort Wayne on the 24th after a delightful sojourn of nearly three months in California, the land of sunshine and flowers. They are enthusiastic in their appreciation of the climate and the country in general. They made their headquarters at Los Angeles, but made many trips to other cities, Pasadena, Redlands, Whittier, etc. The pastor and family appreciate the oranges very much. They are the genuine article.

A little surprise birthday party was perpetrated on Miss Anna Doermer on the 4th of March. Quite a number of the ladies of Grace church responded

to informal invitations and celebrated the occasion with her. Though the surprise was complete, Miss Doermer was master of the situation and behaved beautifully as a hostess. The ladies had provided a bountiful luncheon for the occasion.

Miss Doermer was also the recipient of some little birthday reminders and many good wishes from her friends.

Dr. Koblenz entertained the Young People's society, at his beautiful home, 921 West Berry street, Thursday evening, March 4. After the business session the young people were invited to the spacious dining room, fragrant with carnations and where tables were artistically arranged and an elaborate luncheon was served. The young people had a splendid time and before leaving elected the doctor to honorary membership in their society, and gave him a vote of thanks for his hospitality. The doctor is himself quite a young man and enjoys the company of young people. If you want to remain young in heart and spirit, keep in touch with the young people, invite them into your homes, and mingle with them freely.

Rev. and Mrs. Parley E. Zartman have offered their beautiful home at Winona Lake for sale and will soon remove to Philadelphia, Pa., where they will reside. The office of the Evangelistic committee will be moved to that place the 1st of June. The pastor and family greatly regret to see these dear friends go so far away.

The flower committee of the Young People's society is soliciting money for the Easter decorations. Will you not give them a contribution?

There is no winter in the heart  
Of him who doth a kindly deed;  
Of what he gives he hath a part,  
And this supplieth all his need.

The ladies of the church are rejoiced to know that Miss Libbie Felker is at home to remain. She has always been a loyal and devoted member of the church and a willing worker. These are the people who are very much missed when they go away, and welcomed when they return.

The Hope hospital committee has arranged for a linen shower to be held at the hospital on Good Friday. It is to be hoped that every one will contribute something on that day. One who is not familiar with the circumstances might wonder why there is so much need of replenishing the linens every year, but when we realize the wear and tear and the constant washing, we are not surprised that so much is needed. There should be a ready response to every call for help for this worthy institution.

There are a large number of boys and girls in our Sunday school who are at an age when they ought to accept Christ and identify themselves with the church. We hope the parents and teachers in the Sunday school will use their influence to win these children for Christ.

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## C. E. TOPICS.

March 28—"Missionary Study on China." Leader, Mrs. A. K. Zartman.

April 4—"Life Lessons From Proverbs." Prov. 8:1-17. Leader, Bertha Bitner.

April 1—"Risen With Christ." Col. 3:1-4. Leader, Bertha Weikart.

April 18—"Pilgrims' Progress Series No. 4." Leader Wilhamine Saffen.

April 25—"Missionary Study on China." Leader, Mrs. A. K. Zartman.

Tuesday evening, March 16, the Young Men's committee met at the home of Mr. Irvin Bitner on East Lewis street. There was a good attendance considering the bad weather and the boys had a pleasant evening together. Messrs. Oscar Snook, Shifferly, Jones, and Morris, were elected to membership in the Young Men's club. The next meeting will be held in the lecture rooms of the church, Tuesday evening, April 13. This will be a public meeting and all the men of the church are invited to be present. When the business was transacted, the young men were ushered into the dining room and seated at a table done in St Patrick's day style and were served to a palatable luncheon.

Tuesday, March 16 the pastor addressed the county convention of the W. C. T. U. at Monroeville, Ind. This little berg is one of the "dry" towns in Allen county.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Metzner have each had a tussle with the grip. We are glad to report them both able to be around, again.

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